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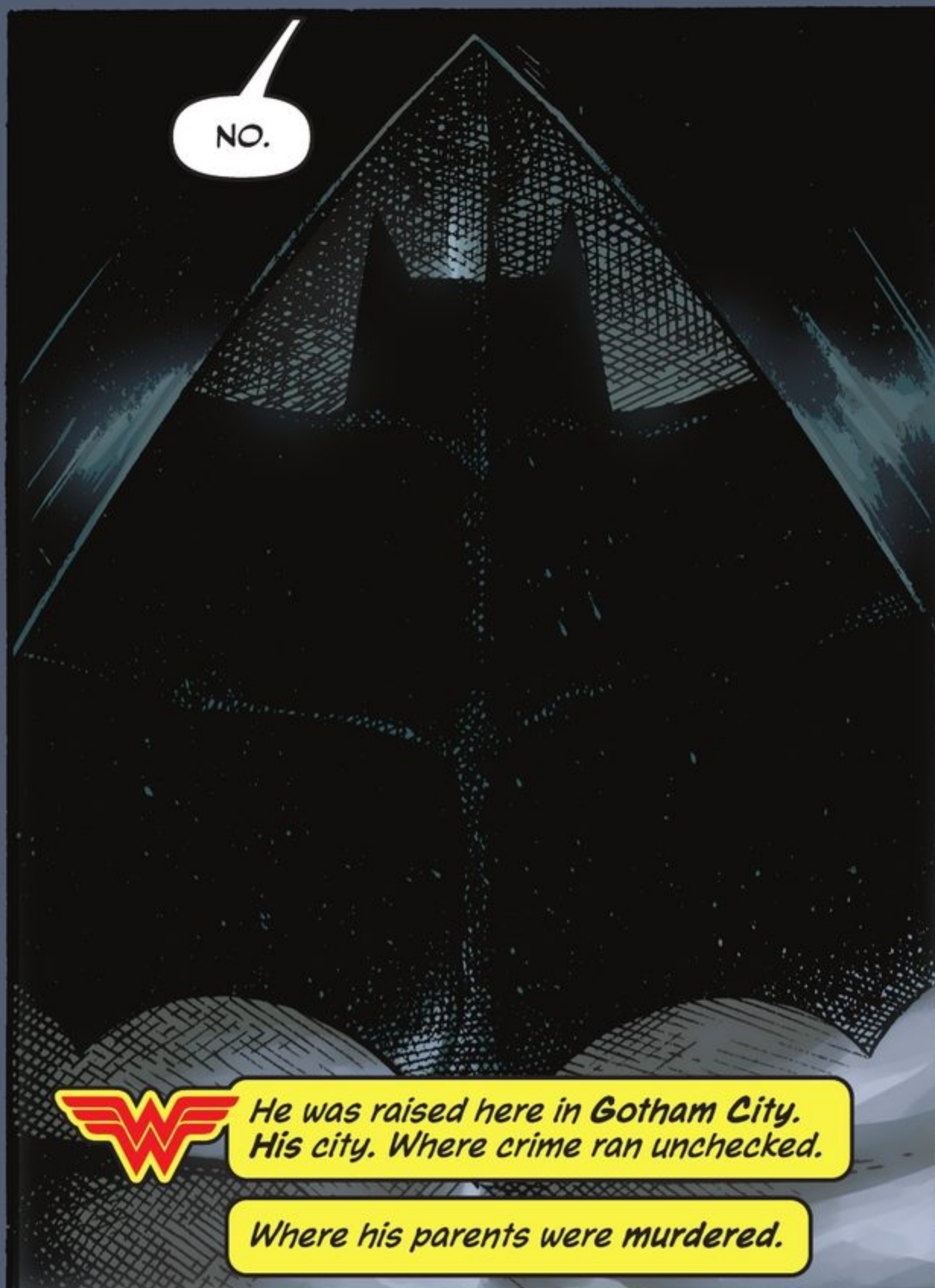
It Happened One Night...



DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?

She grew up on *Themyscira*. An island that was, in many ways, a *paradise*.

There were no men. Or their sins.



NO.



He was raised here in *Gotham City*. His city. Where crime ran unchecked.

Where his parents were murdered.



He rarely leaves *Gotham*. A promise he made on his parents' graves.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT "IT" I'M REFERRING TO.

To rid this *City* of the evil that took their lives.



CAN WE NOT DO THIS NOW?

She, alone, was chosen to venture to the outside world.

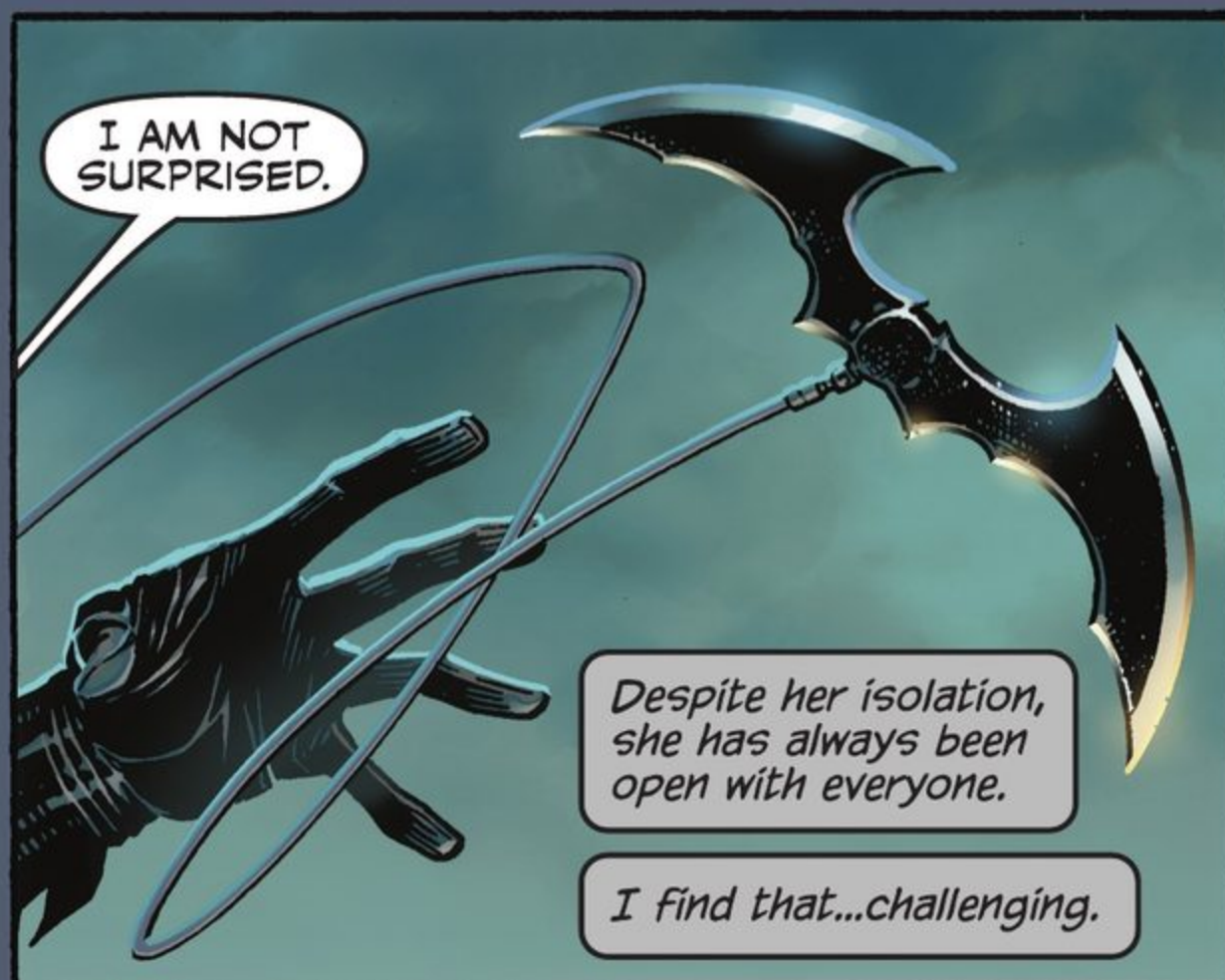
An emissary for her people. A stranger in a strange land.



I THINK WE SHOULD DISCUSS IT.

Perhaps this is why he keeps himself walled off from others.

Even with his "friends."



I AM NOT SURPRISED.

Despite her isolation, she has always been open with everyone.

I find that...challenging.



Clark warned me
it might go like this.

THE "IT"
THAT I WAS
REFERRING
TO IS --

-- MY
RELATIONSHIP WITH
CATWOMAN.

YOU
KNEW.

I
KNEW.

When the three of us
first met, I thought they
had so much in common.

Outsiders. Except...

Clark, intending to or not,
inspires us to be the best
that we can be.

Diana, with intent, wants us
to understand each other and
learn from our differences.



I'M NOT HERE
TO JUDGE
YOU.

IT DOES
NOT SOUND
THAT WAY.

ON THE
CONTRARY,
I'M PROUD
OF YOU.

LOVE
OFTENTIMES
INVOLVES
RISK.

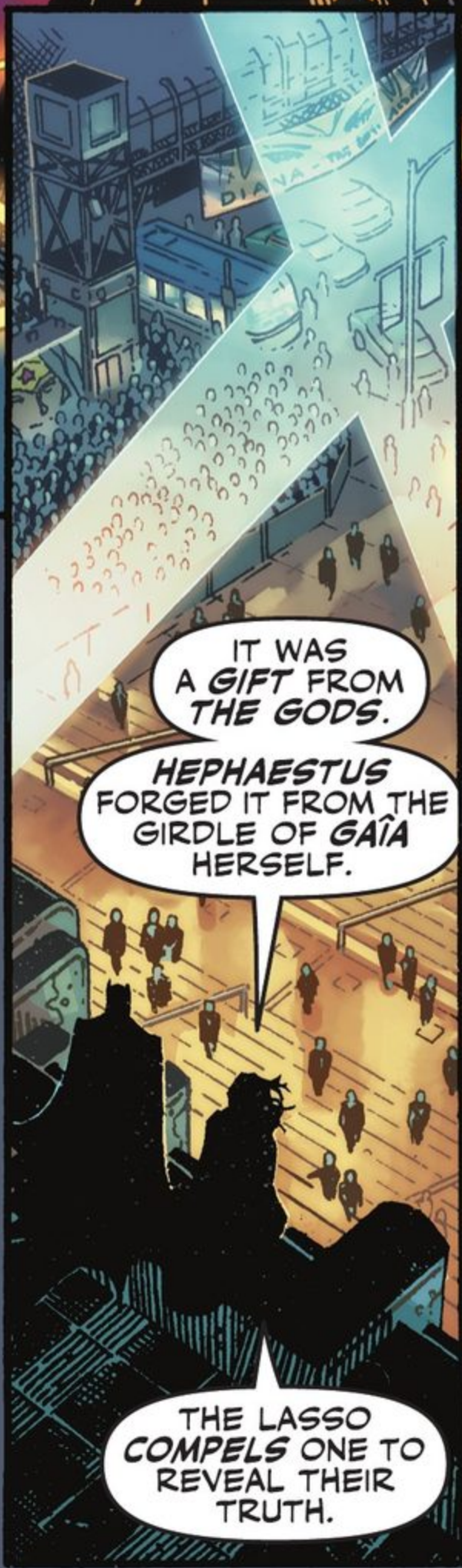
A RISK
ALWAYS WORTH
TAKING.

HOW
DOES IT
WORK?



THE
LASSO,
I MEAN.

YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO LIKE MY
ANSWER.



IT WAS
A GIFT FROM
THE GODS.

HEPHAESTUS
FORGED IT FROM THE
GIRDLE OF GAIA
HERSELF.

THE LASSO
COMPELS ONE TO
REVEAL THEIR
TRUTH.



I CAN GET
TO THE TRUTH
TOO.

ARE YOU
SURE IT IS NOT
YOU --

-- AS
OPPOSED TO
A "MAGIC"
LASSO?



YOU TOLD
HER YOUR
TRUTH.

LOWERED
YOUR COWL.

CATWOMAN.

WE ARE
LATE.

WE STILL
HAVE TO
CHANGE.

He didn't answer
my question.

She did not answer
my question.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PRESENT --

WONDER WOMAN!



PLEASURE, MISTER WAYNE.

BUT IT'S "DIANA." OR "PRINCESS DIANA," IF YOU INSIST.

THEN, I INSIST ON YOU CALLING ME "BRUCE."

JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, IF **SUPERMAN** WERE HERE, WHAT WOULD YOU CALL HIM?

NOT AS LOVELY AS YOU.



So unlike Batman.

Curious where one ends and the other begins...?

THE WAYNE FOUNDATION IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS INCREDIBLE CHARITY EXHIBITION.

BUT AREN'T YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF YOUR MAGIC LASSO?



I WAS ASSURED THAT THE LASSO OF TRUTH WOULD BE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE NEWEST WAYNE TECHNOLOGY.

I BELIEVE IN BRUCE WAYNE.

She is a role model.

Maybe even more than Clark.



OUR
HOPE IS THAT THIS
EXHIBITION WILL GIVE
YOU ALL A CHANCE TO
UNDERSTAND OUR
PEOPLE.

OUR
CUSTOMS.

OUR
HISTORY.



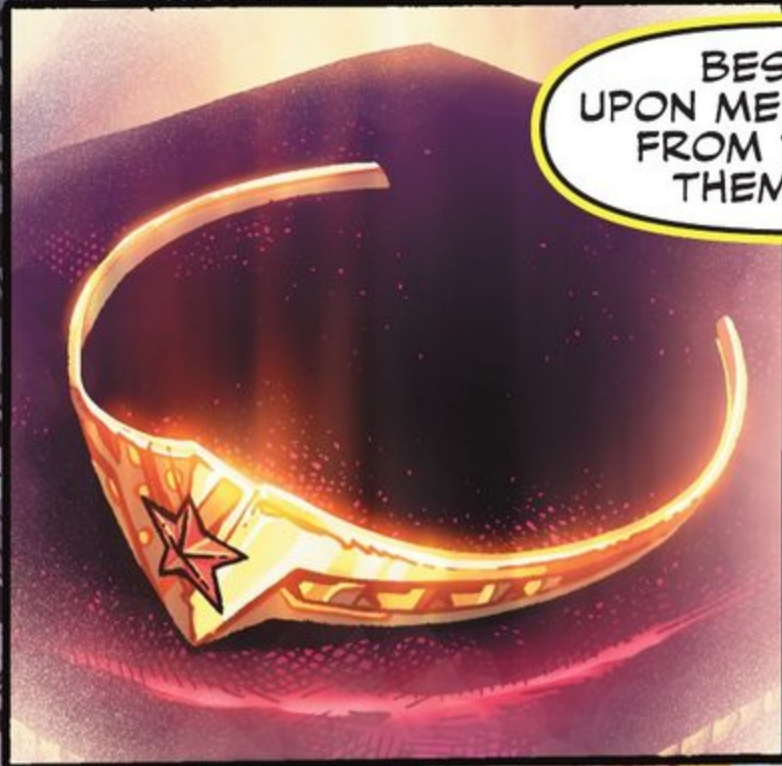
LIKE THE
GLADIATORIAL GAMES
IN ANCIENT GREECE,
OUR FUTURE WOULD
BE DECIDED IN
THE ARENA.

THE CONTEST.

THE LAST
OF US STANDING
WOULD BE GIVEN
THE GREATEST
HONOR.



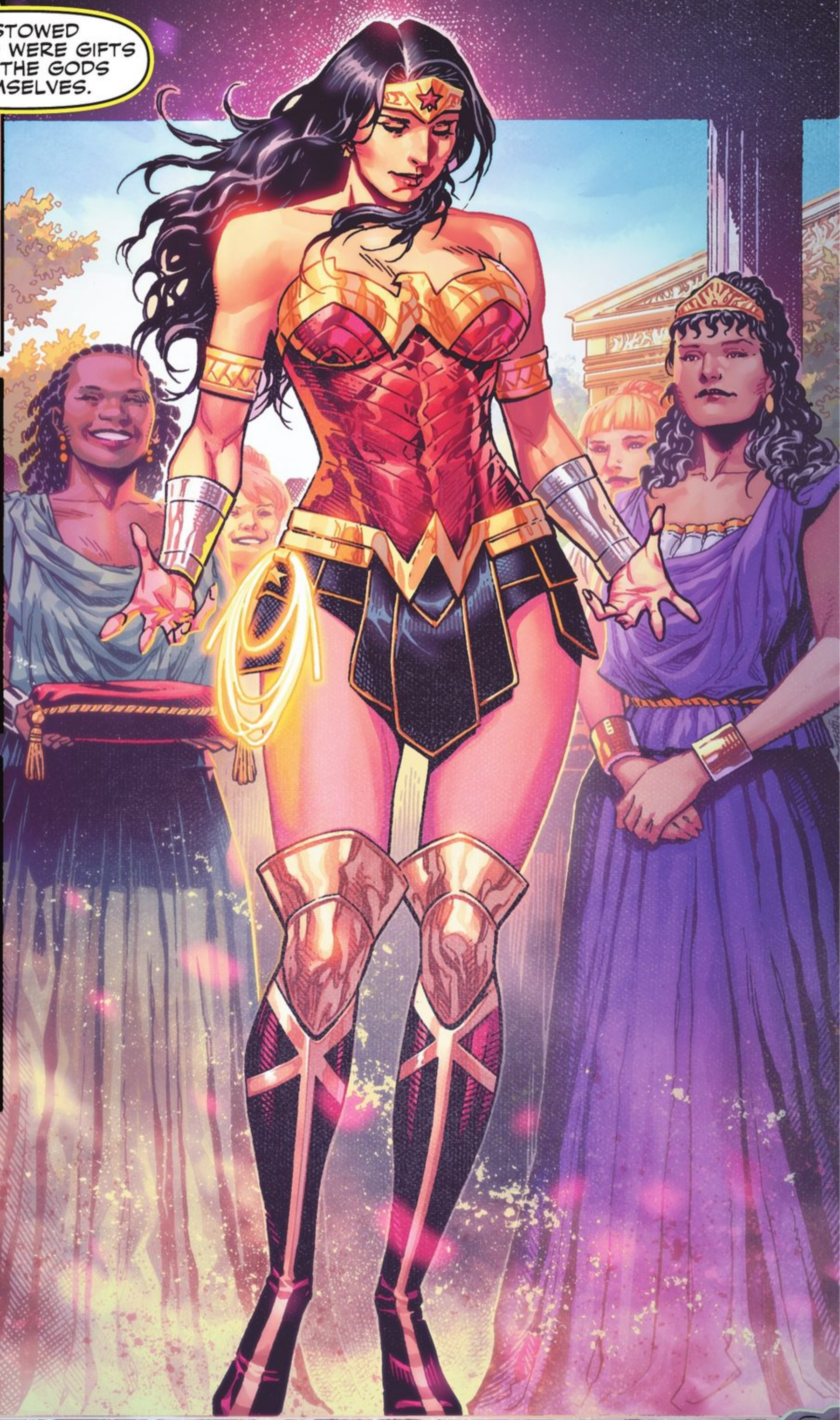
TO BE THE
FIRST TO TRAVEL
OUTSIDE OUR
BORDERS.



BESTOWED
UPON ME WERE GIFTS
FROM THE GODS
THEMSELVES.



INCLUDING
THE LASSO
OF TRUTH.



IT WAS
A DAY UNLIKE
ANY OTHER...



JUST LIKE THIS
WILL BE A NIGHT
TO REMEMBER.

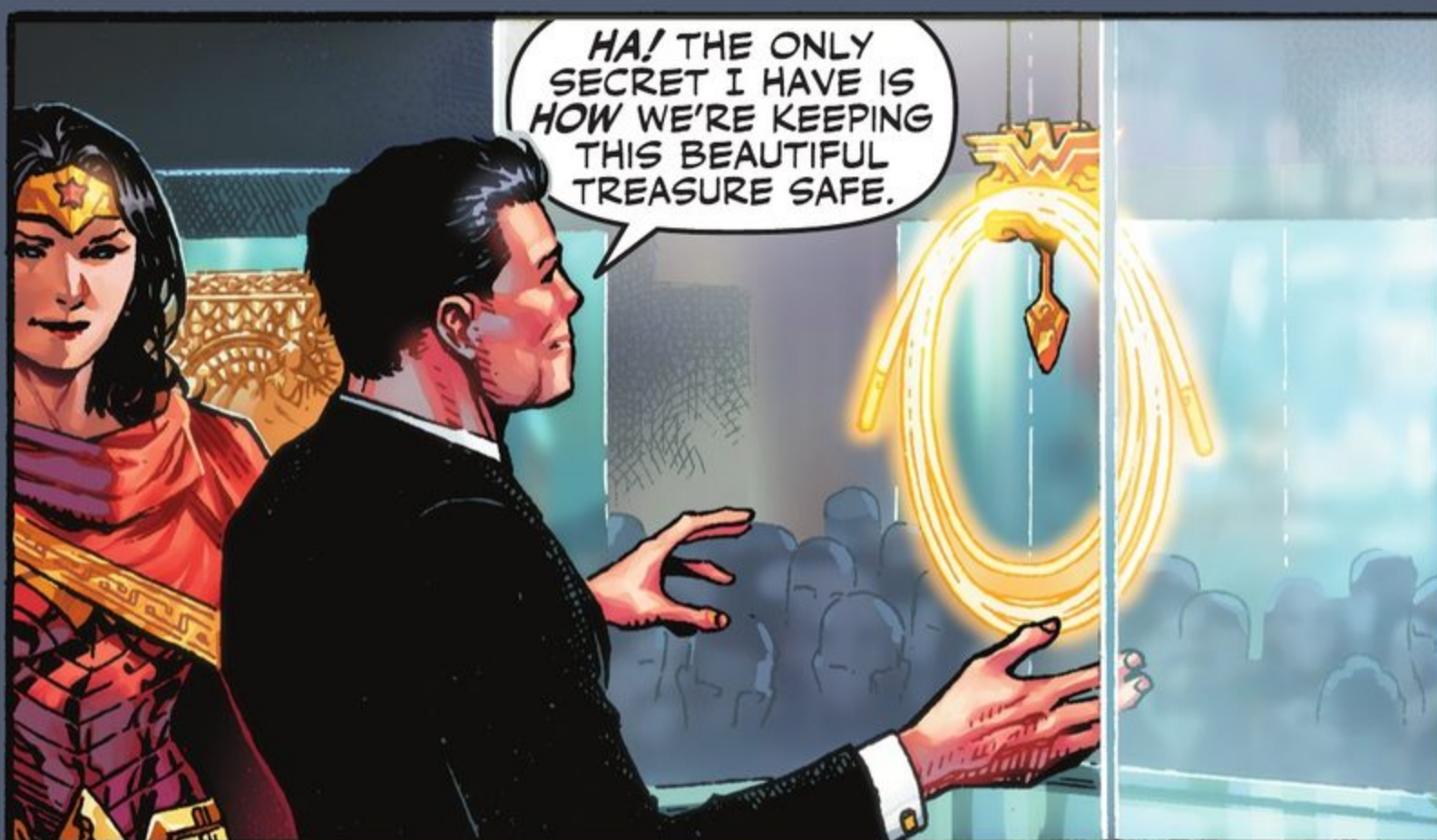
HANDLE IT
WITH CAUTION,
BRUCE.

WOULDN'T
WANT ANY OF
THOSE **BILLIONAIRE**
SECRETS SLIPPING
OUT.

OR WOULD
WE, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN?

*I...can feel it.
Pulsing. Odd.*

*It affects even him.
Interesting.*

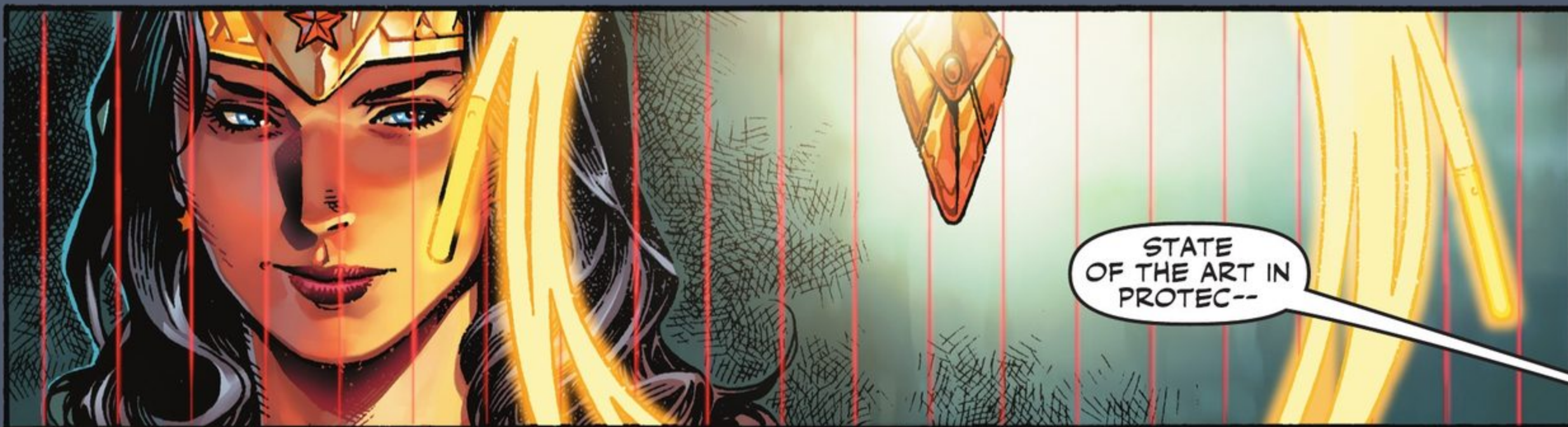


HA! THE ONLY
SECRET I HAVE IS
HOW WE'RE KEEPING
THIS BEAUTIFUL
TREASURE SAFE.



Activating security:
Sonic. Motion.
Thermal.

Klk



STATE
OF THE ART IN
PROTEC--

FZZT

WHAT'S
HAPPENING!

GET OUT
OF THE WAY!

HELP!

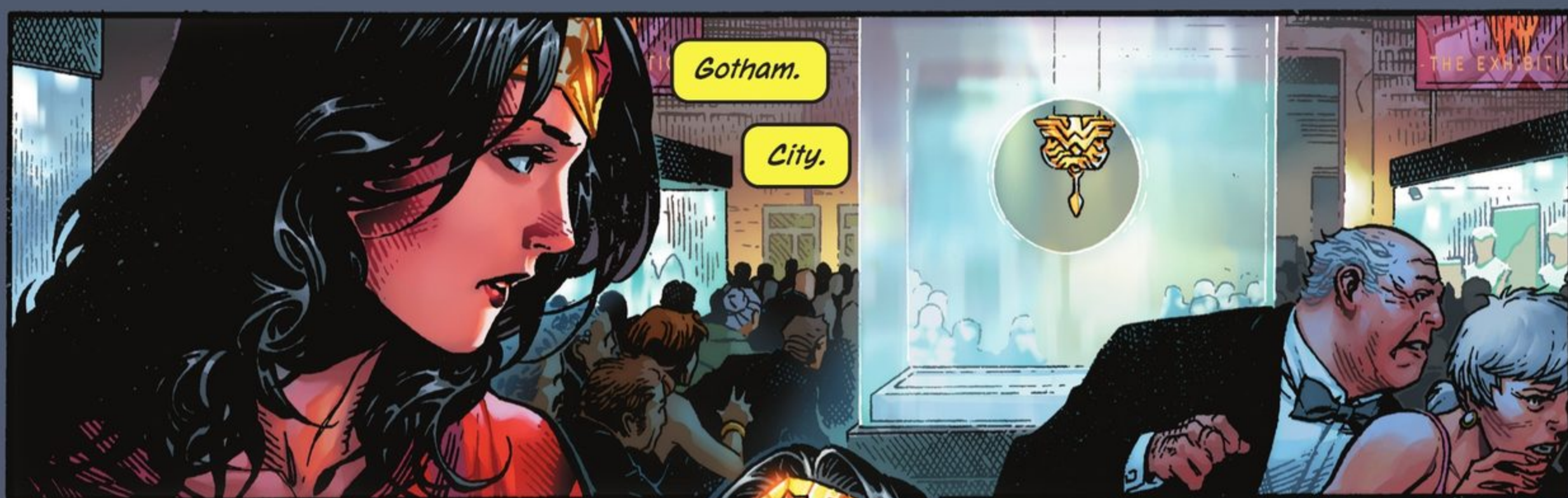
WHO
TURNED OUT
THE LIGHTS?



MOVE!

WILLIAM?!
WHERE ARE
YOU?

LET ME
OUT OF
HERE!



Gotham.

City.

SEAL
THE EXITS.

NO ONE
IS LEAVING.

LET THEM GO
BEFORE SOMEONE
GETS HURT.





ANY ONE
OF THEM COULD
HAVE THE LASSO,
BATMAN.

THEY DON'T,
WONDER WOMAN.

BECAUSE
I KNOW WHO
DOES.

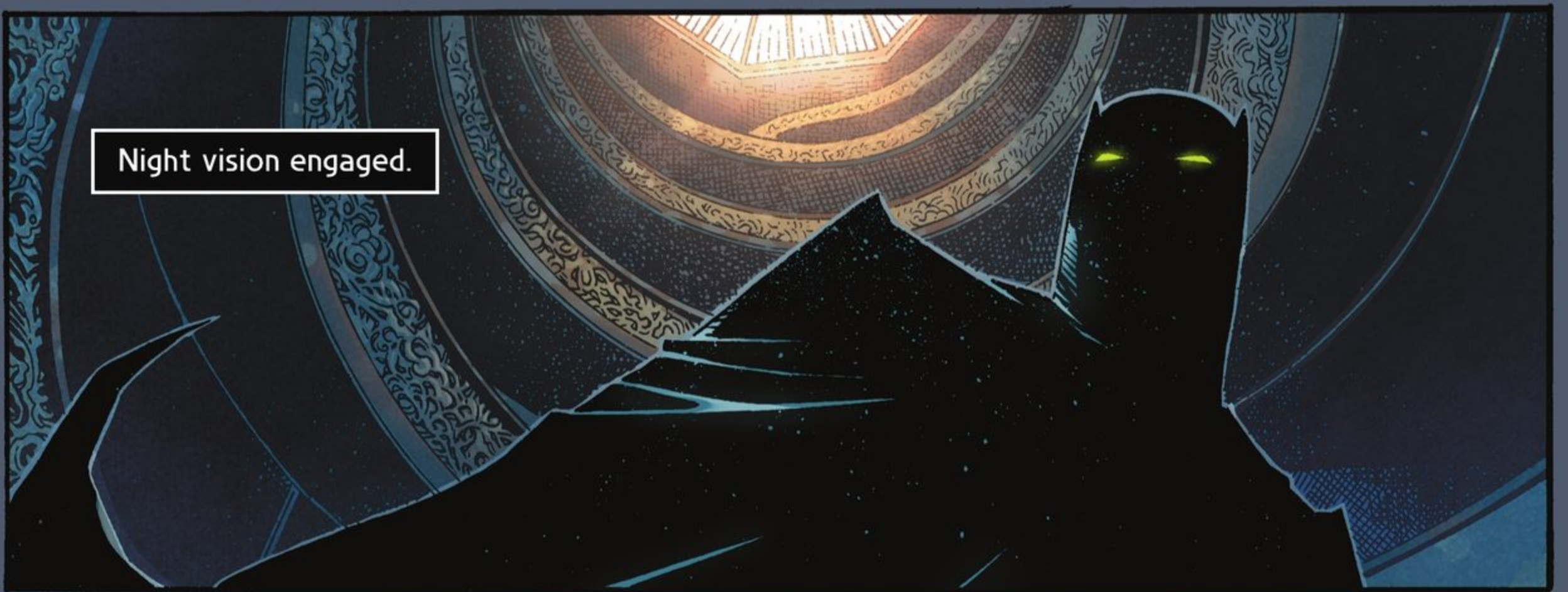


FOLLOW ME.
BEFORE SHE
ESCAPES.

"SHE..."?

Diana is taking
this personally.

I know
that feeling
too well.



Night vision engaged.



YOU CAN
COME OUT
NOW.

YOU HAVE
PROVED YOUR
POINT.

GIVE IT
BACK.

NOW
WHERE'S
THE FUN IN
THAT?

Need this settled
before *Diana* arrives.

Selina can be...
aggravating.

THIS IS NOT
A GAME.

YOU *LIKE*
TELLING PEOPLE
WHAT TO DO.

AND *DON'T*
LIKE IT WHEN THEY
DON'T DO WHAT YOU
TELL THEM.

ISN'T
THAT THE
TRUTH?





YOU HAVE
SUCH TRUST
ISSUES.

HOW
'BOUT WE PUT
THOSE TO THE
TEST?

WE COULD TIE
YOU UP WITH THIS
PRETTY GOLDEN
LEASH --

-- EVEN SOMEONE
WHO KNOWS
YOUR **BIGGEST
SECRET** --

-- COULD
ALWAYS LEARN
MORE --

-- ABOUT
SOMEONE
ELSE'S TRUE
FEELINGS.

STOP
IT.
YOU
ARE BETTER
THAN THIS.

Want to handle this carefully.

With what *Selina* knows.

What I shared.







MEEP

RETURN
WHAT IS
MINE.

OR
YOU WILL
REGRET
IT.

DIANA!

LET HER
GO.

I ASKED
HER TO TRY AND
STEAL IT TO TEST
OUR SECURITY
SYSTEM.

YOU
WHAT?!

KOFF THE BEST LAID
PLANS OF CATS AND
KOFF BATS.

HAND
ME THE
LASSO.

He decided to trust her.

Bruce trusts no one.

Which can only mean --

-- He still has
feelings for her.





MOVE.

I HAD THIS
HANDLED.





I do not know if Selina is playing a game.

I can see the uncertainty in Bruce's face and the pain that comes with it.



I...hoped that we could at least stay in communication.

Having decided to open his heart, he is faced with how to close it.



If nothing else, to keep her from returning to a life of crime.



Love comes with a price.





I THOUGHT
I SAW A
PUDDY-CAT!

HARLEY
QUINN?!



I DID!
I DID SEE A
PUDDY-CAT!



BAD OL'
PUDDY-CAT!





WILL THERE BE ANYTHING
I COULD GET YOU,
PRINCESS?

ANYTHING.

I am going
to kill them.

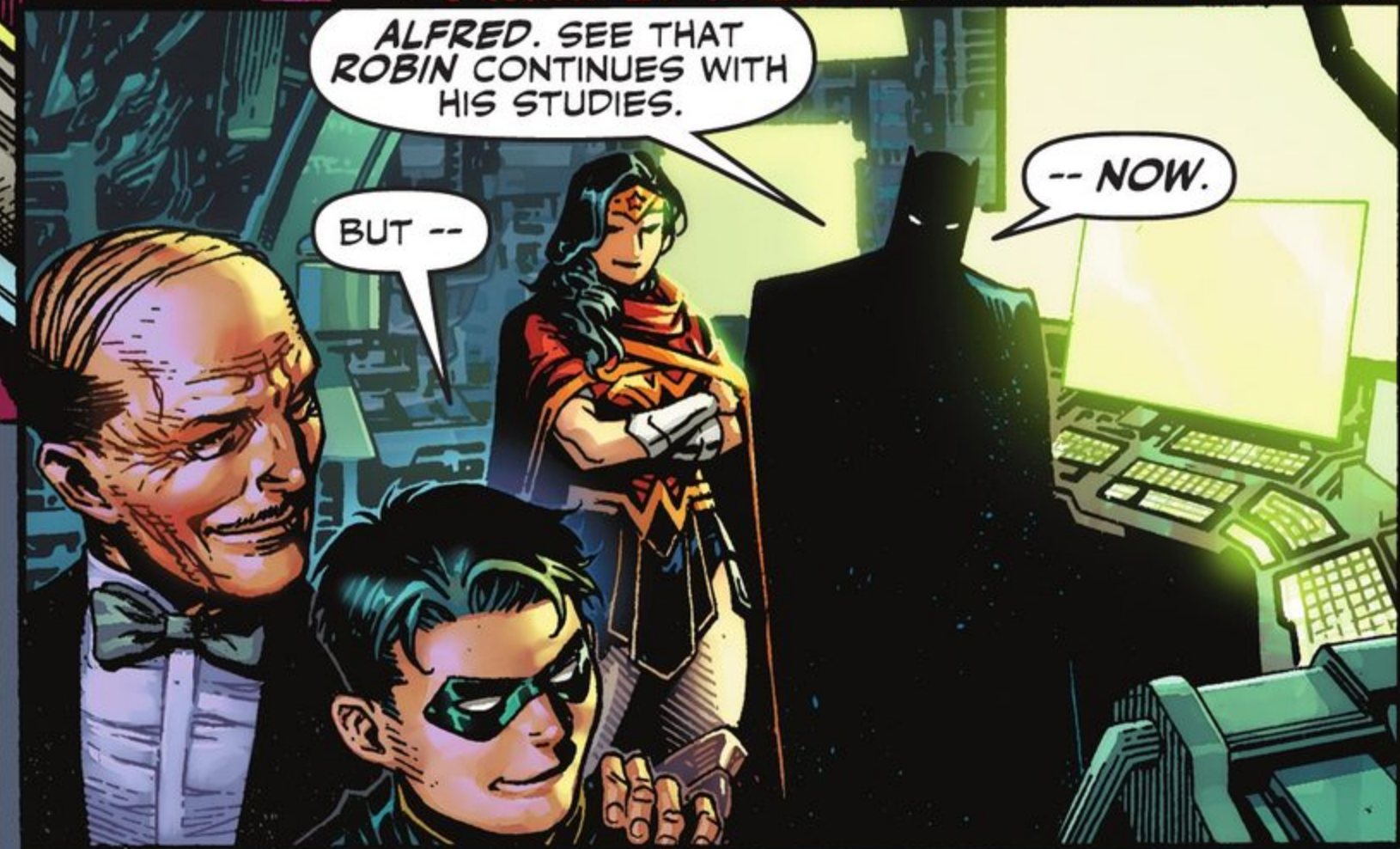
He's going
to kill them.



I'M FINE,
MISTER PENNYWORTH,
THANK YOU.

GEE. IT'S
LIKE THEY'VE
NEVER SEEN...
ROYALTY.

YES.
I'M SURE
THAT'S WHAT
IT IS.



ALFRED. SEE THAT
ROBIN CONTINUES WITH
HIS STUDIES.

BUT --

-- NOW.

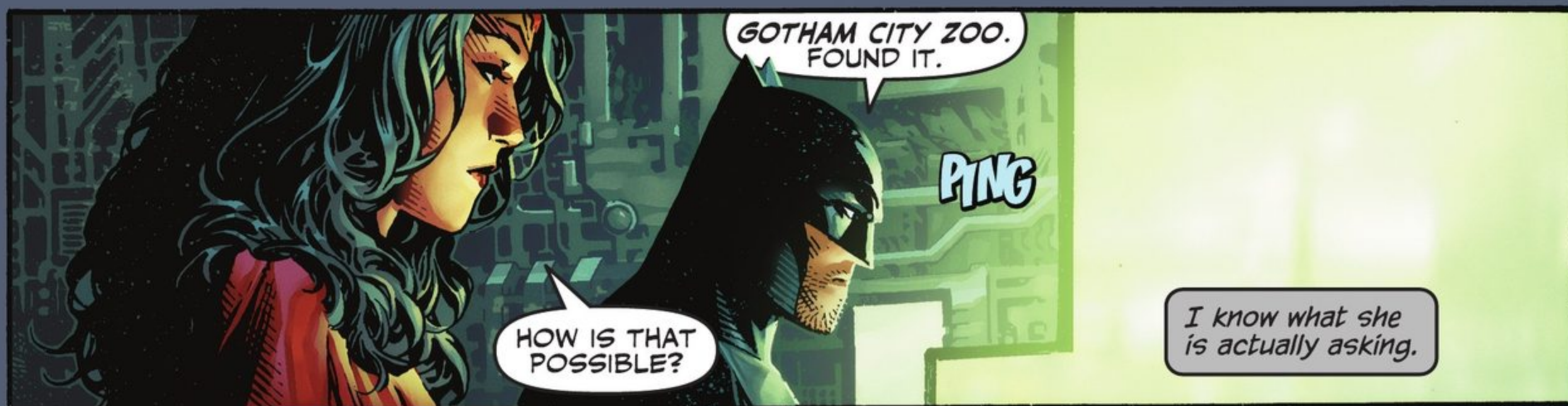


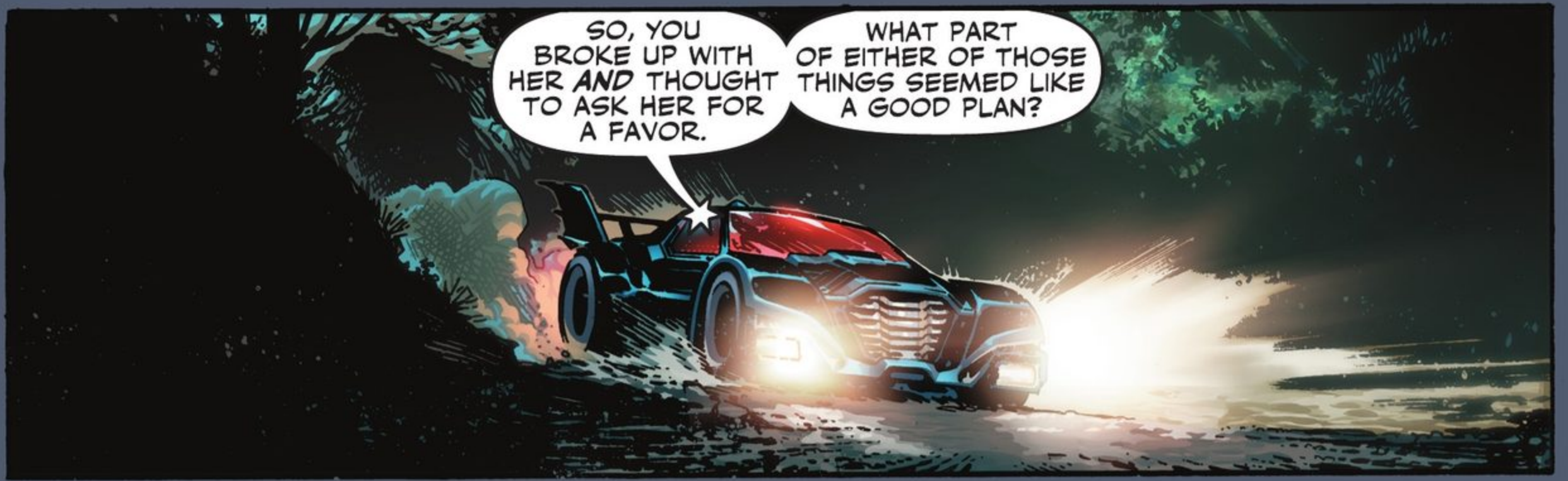
WHAT IS IT
ABOUT *MEN* AND
THEIR *TOYS*?

I KNOW,
RIGHT?

DO NOT
THINK FOR A SECOND
I MEANT THIS AS ANY
SORT OF FEMALE
BONDING.

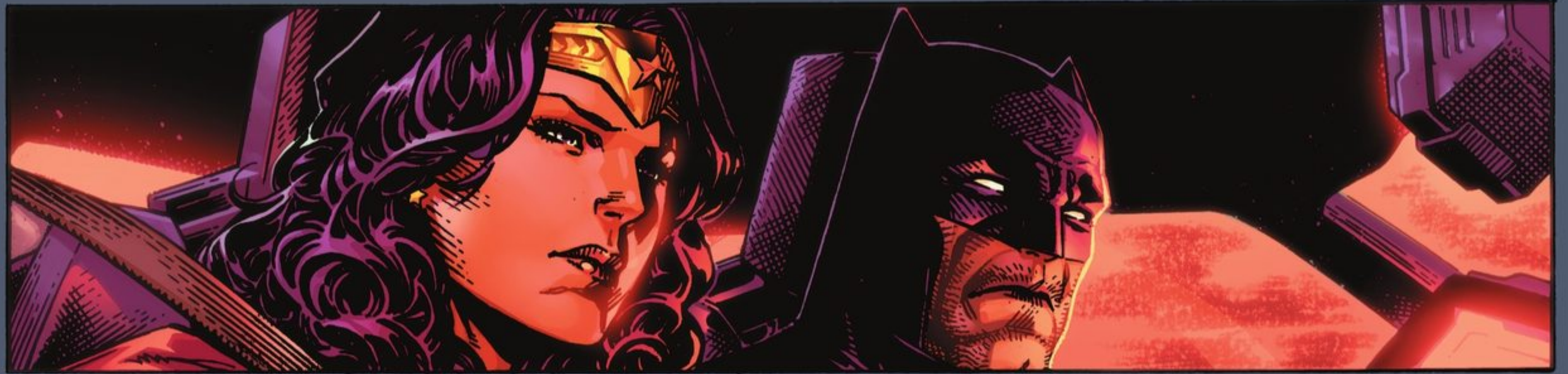
MRROW.





SO, YOU
BROKE UP WITH
HER AND THOUGHT
TO ASK HER FOR
A FAVOR.

WHAT PART
OF EITHER OF THOSE
THINGS SEEMED LIKE
A GOOD PLAN?



IT IS...
COMPLICATED.



LOVE
OFTEN IS.

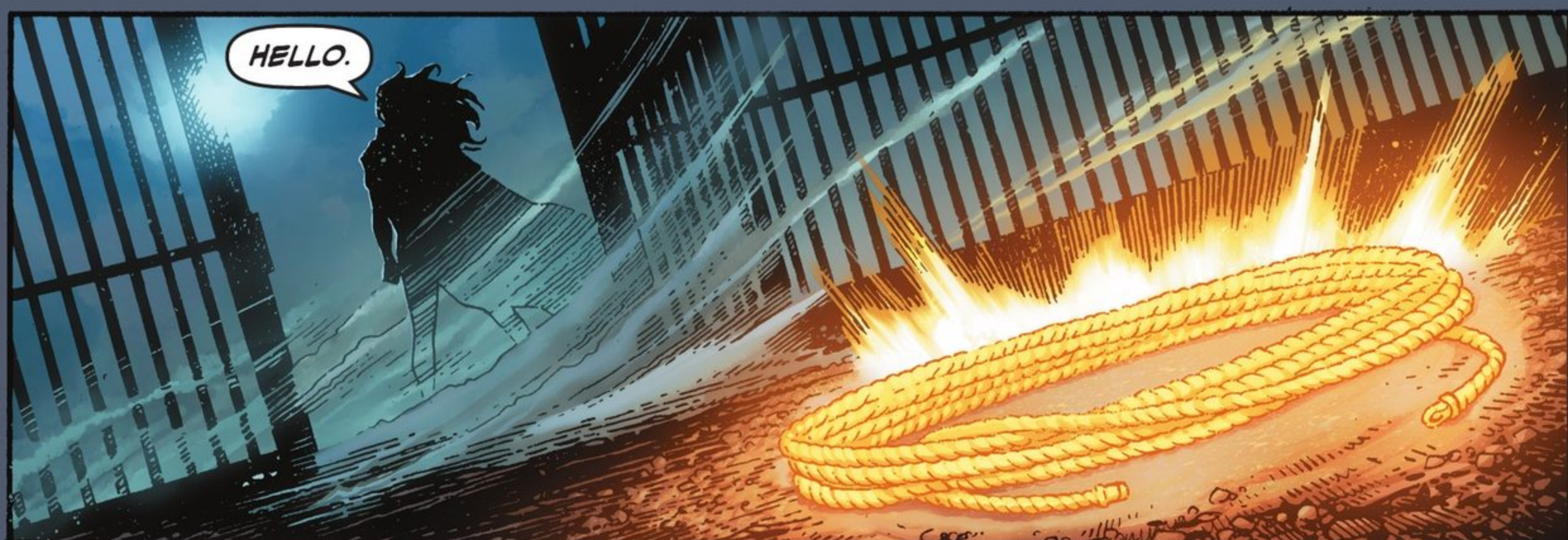
WE'RE
HERE.



LOOK
OUT FOR THE
HYENAS.

*I'll give
Catwoman
one thing.*

*He does like
telling people
what to do.*





RROARR

GRRRRR

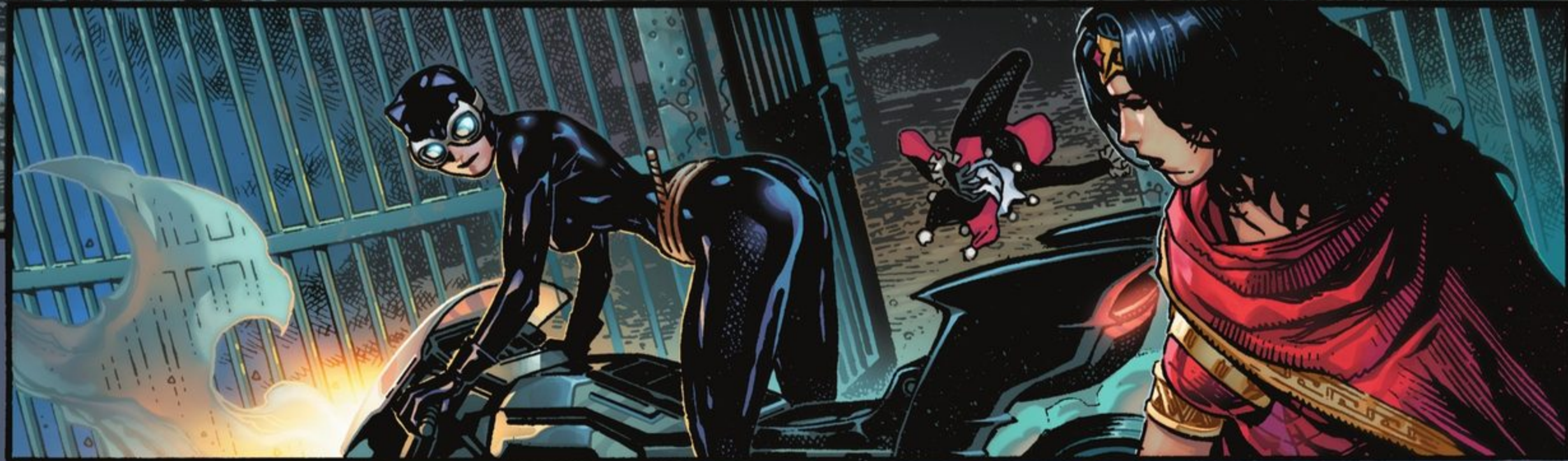


SHHHH...
BE VEY, VEY
QUIET! I'M
HUNTIN' --

OFF!



**YOU
HURT MY FUR
BABIES!**





CATWOMAN,
YOU GOTTA
UNDERSTAND!

WHEN
I HOID ABOUT
THE ROPE OF LIARS
BEIN' ON DISPLAY --
-- I JUST HADDA
STEAL IT!

HAVEN'T
YOU EVER BEEN
SO IN LOVE THAT YOU
HAVETA KNOW IF HE'S
AS MUCH IN LOVE
WITH YOUSE?!

IT'S THAT
WAY WITH ME AND
MISTER J.!



"MISTER J."?

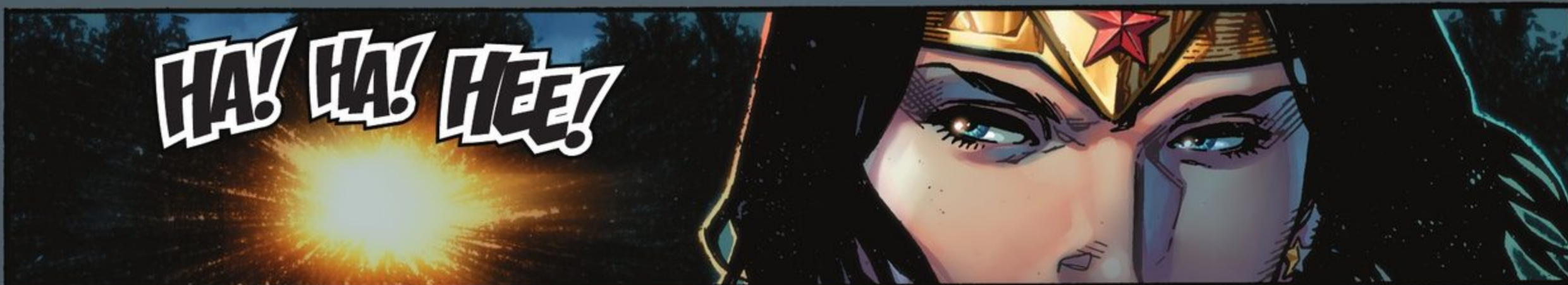
THE JOKER.
LONG STORY.



AND NO,
I'VE NEVER
BEEN THAT
IN LOVE.



I'LL TAKE
THAT BACK
NOW.



HA! HA! HEE!



HOWDY,
BUCKAROOS!

JUST
MOSEYING ON
BY TO GET MYSELF
THAT THERE **LESSO**
AND MOSEYING ON
OUTTA HERE...

POOM

POOM

POOM

TANG

TANG



TAKE A
DEEP WHIFF,
BLUNDER
GIRL!

ha
ha
hee

ha



JOKERRR!



HA!
HA!
HA!

WHEN
I FIGURED OUT
HARLEY'S PLAN
TO STEAL THE
LASSO --

-- I LIKED IT
SO MUCH I HADDA
STEAL IT FOR
MYSELF!

NOT
FOR ANYTHING
AS MUNDANE
AS --

-- "HE
LOVES ME,
HE LOVES ME
NOT"!

HA! HA!

HA!

HA! HA!

NOOOO!
I'M GOING TO
HOG-TIE THE
BATTYMAN --

-- AND
GET HIM TO
ADMIT THAT I AM
HIS ONE, TRUE,
NEMESIS!

FROM HIS LIPS
HE'LL PROCLAIM THAT
THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME
FRUSTRATES HIM EVEN
MORE THAN --

TWO-FACE!

POISON IVY!

THAT
BANDAGE HEAD --
HUSH!

RA'S AL --

-- HE'S STANDING
RIGHT BEHIND ME,
ISN'T HE?



EVEN FOR YOU, JOKER, THIS IS LUNACY.

I KNOW!
AIN'T IT GRAND?!



YOU LOVE ME, DON'T YOU.

IF I GAVE YOU ANY THOUGHT AT ALL, I WOULD PROBABLY **DESPISE** YOU.

Once I realized Harley's intentions --



-- It was only a matter of time until he appeared.



UGHNN.

YOU WANT
THE TRUTH,
JOKER?

YOU'RE
INSIGNIFICANT.





STEP AWAY FROM HIM, BATMAN.



TAKE HIM.



HEY!

GUHN

THIS ISN'T FUNNY!



The madness that runs rampant in this city. It's no wonder Bruce is the way he has become.

When she is focused, she is *relentless*. If she were in Gotham full time, the things we could accomplish.

I THINK I DON'T LIKE YOU.

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK.



SHE BENDS STEEL WITH HER BARE HANDS.



WAS THAT A JOKE?!



AN
OBSERVATION.



YOU HAVE
SOMETHING TO
HELP THEM.



I DO.



I never should have gotten
Selina involved in this.

It is almost painful
for him to admit
he still cares for her.



WHAT
WILL HAPPEN TO
THE JOKER AND
HARLEY QUINN?

HONESTLY?

NO.
LIE TO ME.

THEY WILL BE SENT TO
ARKHAM ASYLUM.

WHERE THEY
WILL ESCAPE.

THEN, THAT
WOULD BE MY
PROBLEM.

AGAIN.



THEN,
LET IT BE
MINE.

I'LL
TAKE THEM TO
THEMYSCIRA.

WHAT PART
OF THAT SEEMS
LIKE A GOOD
PLAN?



WHAT'S
WITH PEOPLE
QUOTING ME
TONIGHT...?



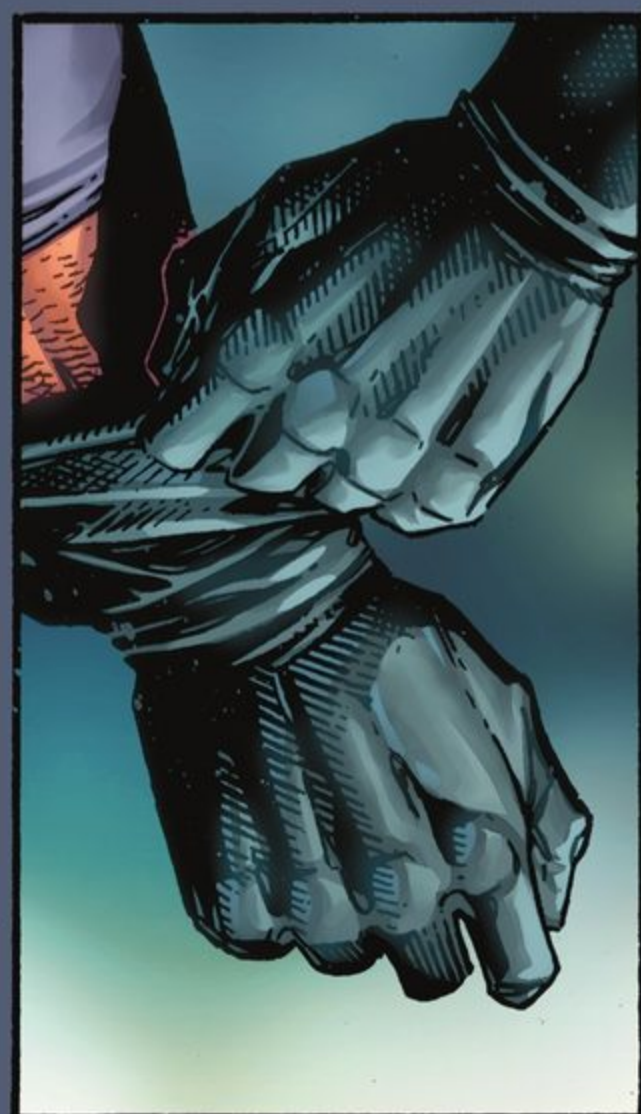
Gotham City.
What it does
to him.

My city...
What it does
for me.

AND...
CATWOMAN?

DIANA.
IT HAS BEEN
A LONG
NIGHT.







Diana has earned this.

The truth will help heal him.

I WOULD ONLY DO THIS FOR YOU.

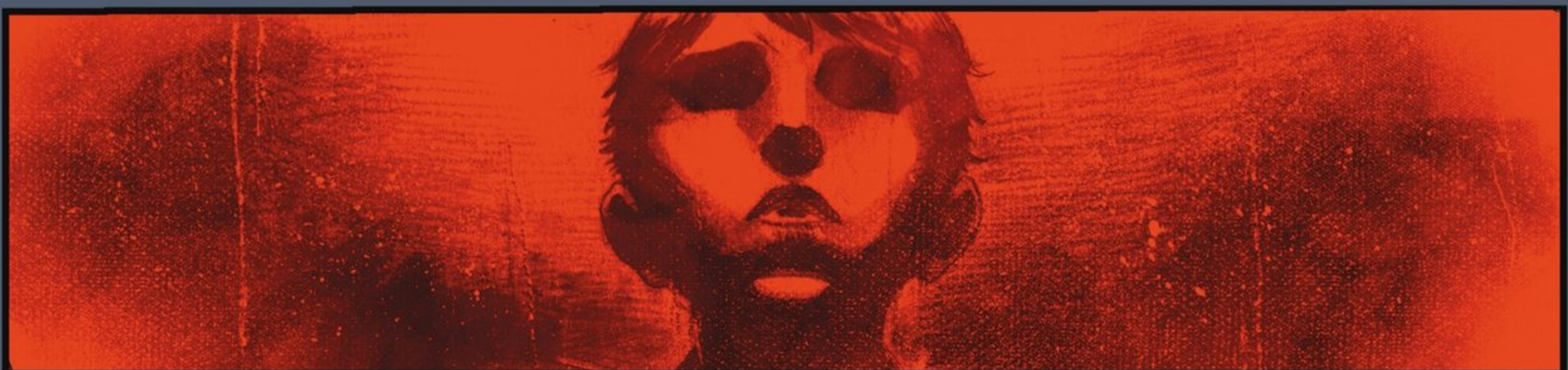
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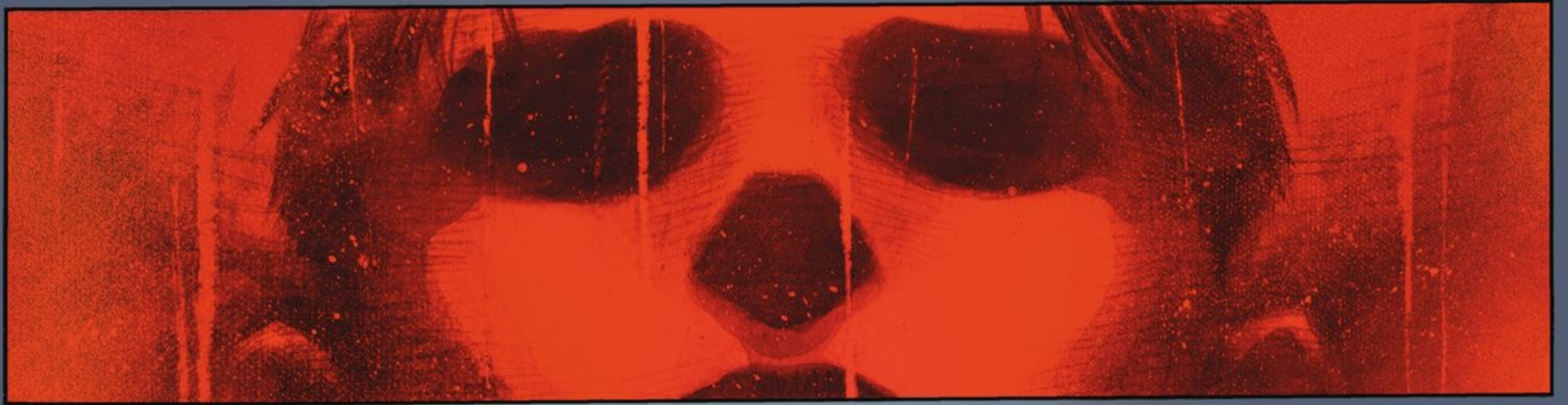
BRUCE.
DO YOU FEEL WORTHY OF BEING LOVED?



...MOTHER...

BRUCE...?





*Her goal is to help others have
a better understanding of her.*

*I hope she now has a better
understanding of me.*



*He made a promise on
the graves of his parents.*

*I hope someday
he achieves that goal.*

*And finds a way
to forgive himself.*





THEY THOUGHT THE EARTH WAS DEAD AND GONE...
BUT A SINGLE WORD HAS CHANGED EVERYTHING.

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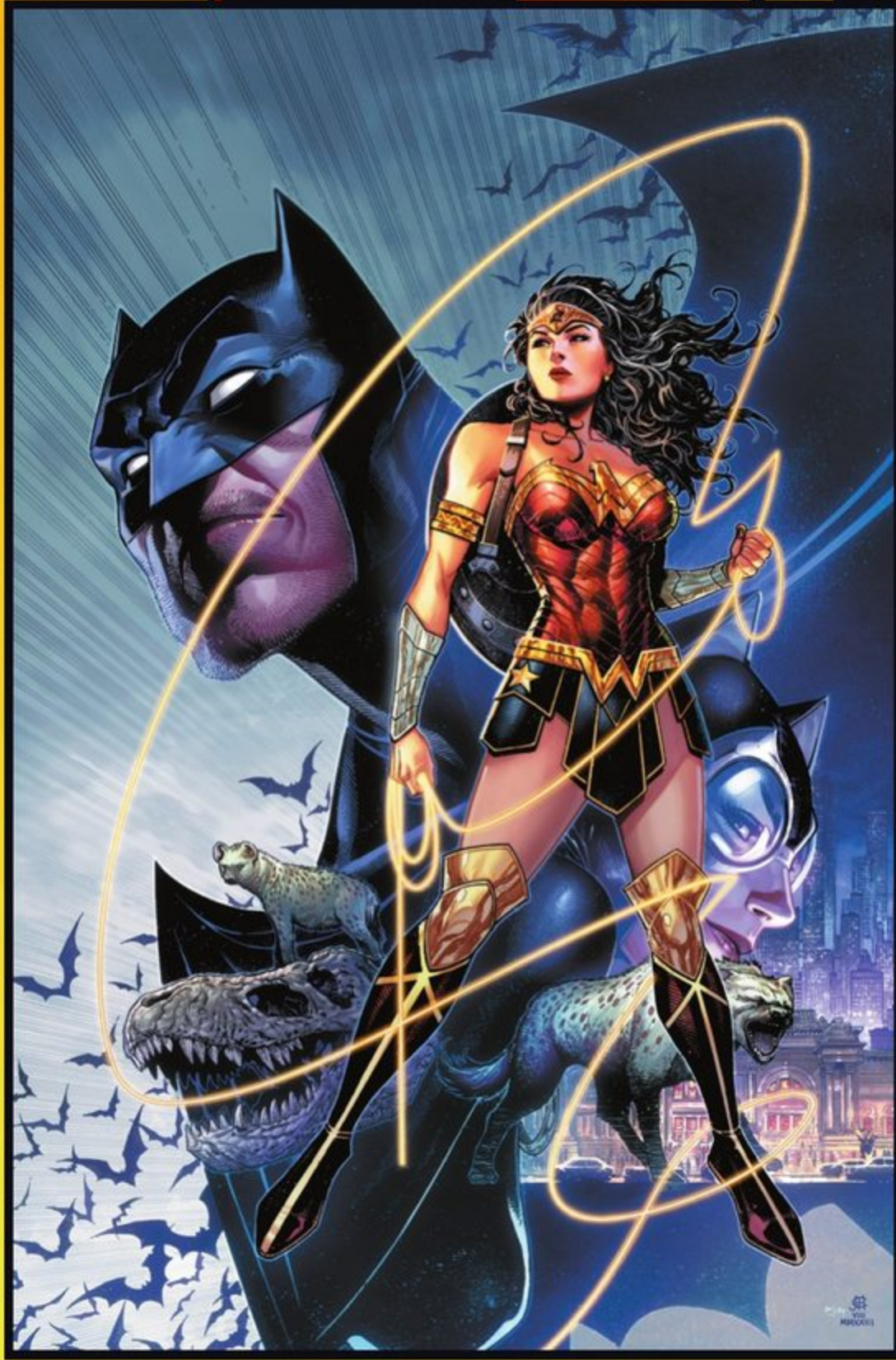
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MATURE

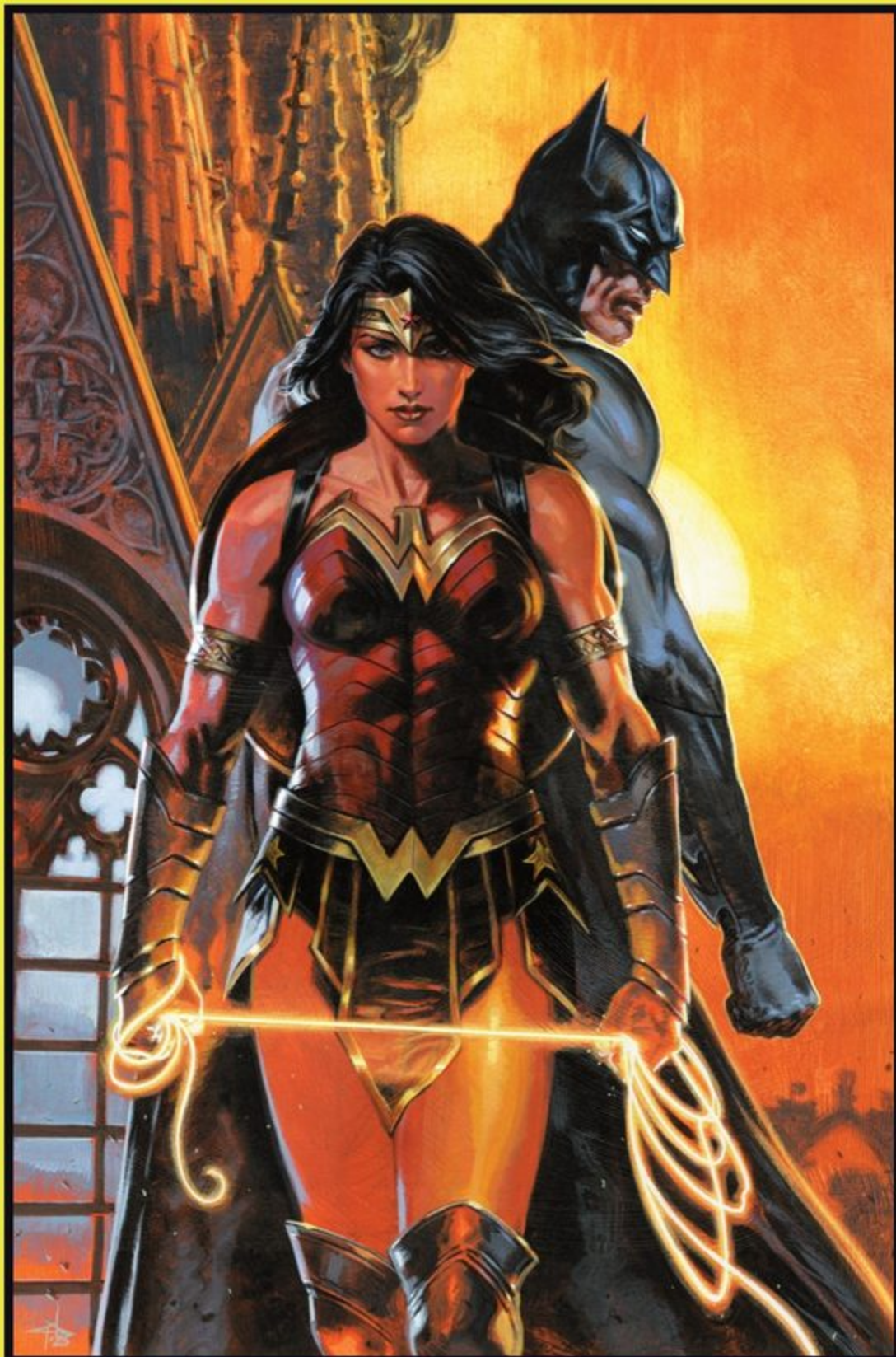
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